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1. Beginning in March 1950, a special investigation was made by the North Korean government of People's Army soldiers whose families had fled to South Korea since the end of the war in 1945. These soldiers are to be transferred to Manchuria for service under Soviet direction there. The plan was originally formed in May 1949 by the Soviets for implementation in 1950.*
2. Transfers are scheduled for three periods: May, September, and December 1950; the exact dates have not been announced. The pretext given out for the action is that these personnel will receive special Soviet training.
3. One special platoon, selected from among the troops of three People's Army divisions in June 1950 was being prepared for special training in the USSR. In addition, from each People's Army artillery unit, two officers above the grade of junior lieutenant were selected to receive a special 90-day training course in artillery in the USSR. The group was to depart on 15 June. Upon their return, members are to be promoted one grade and assigned as commanders of artillery units.

25X1A This exchange program may be part of the North Korean-Soviet military agreement under which groups of Soviet officers were to come to North Korea, the last contingent to arrive in August 1950; see

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